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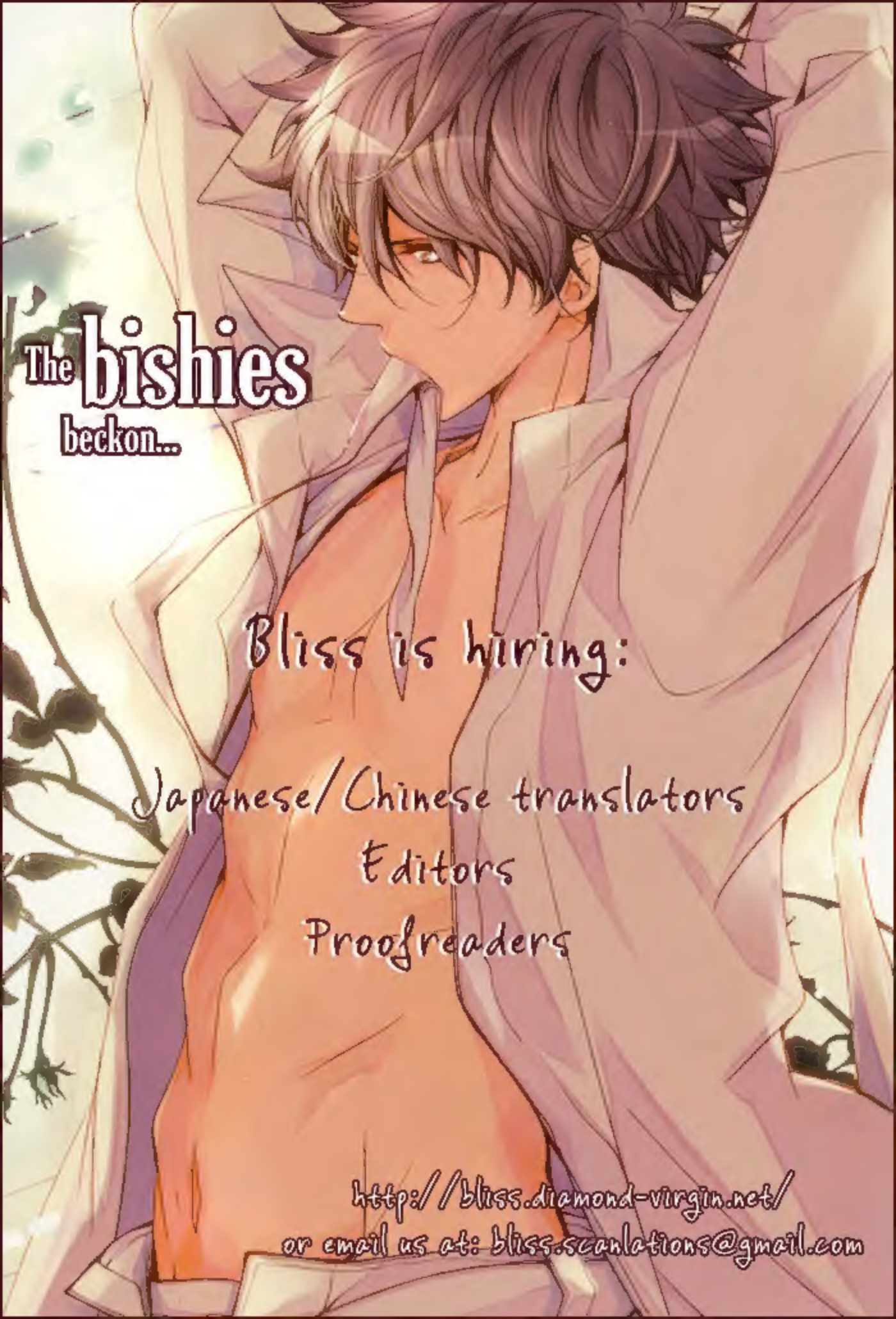
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Bonus

I'd like to talk about my favorite subject: uniforms.

What? You don't want to hear it?

Thank you for taking out the dust jacket and taking a look at the cover.

Unlike in one-shots, I would be drawing the same uniforms over and over. It was a critical decision!

Since this story was going to be a series, I had a hard time designing the uniforms. A very hard time.

When I plan a story, I don't start off with "What am I going to write?"

No, my starting point is "What are my characters going to do in their school uniforms?" Always.

My very first designs of uniforms were military-style for boys, navy-style for girls.

Because I wanted to draw white collars.

But...

I ended up drawing chapter 0 with Minami still in middle school.

See, I had this weird (personal) rule that military/navy-style uniforms must belong in middle school.

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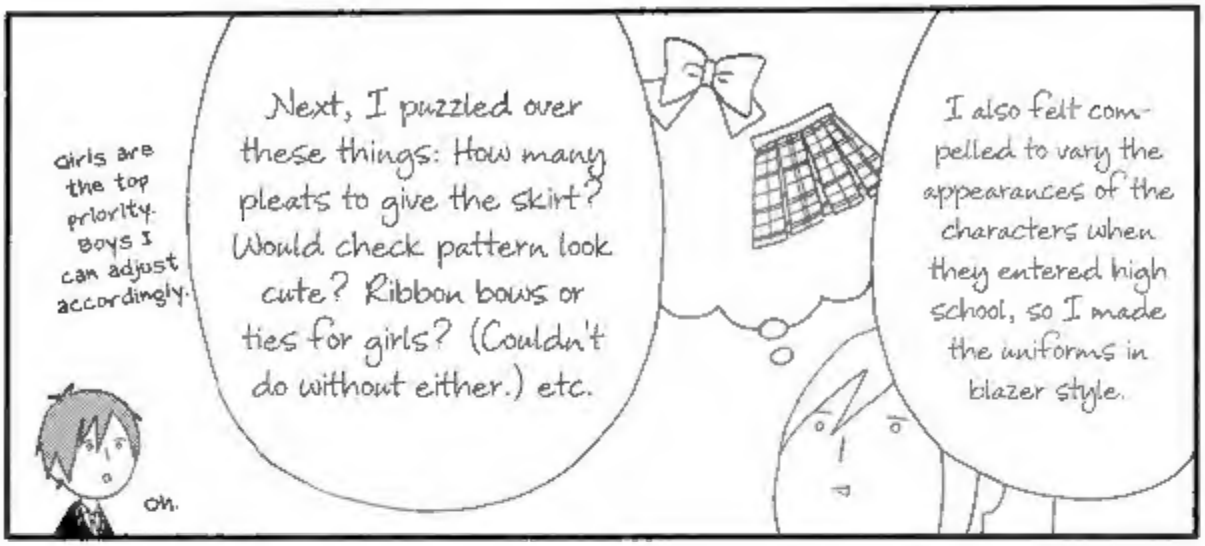
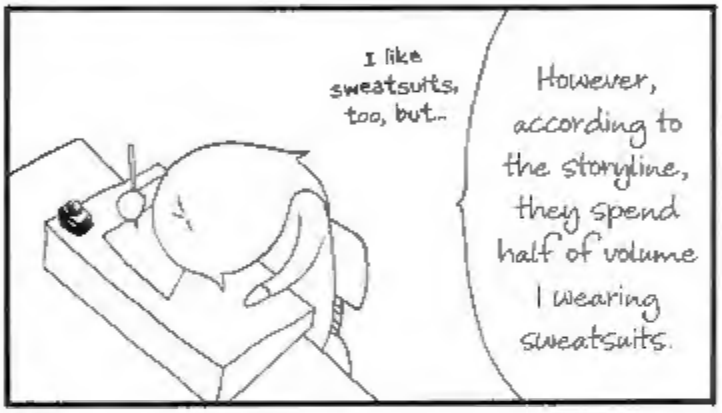
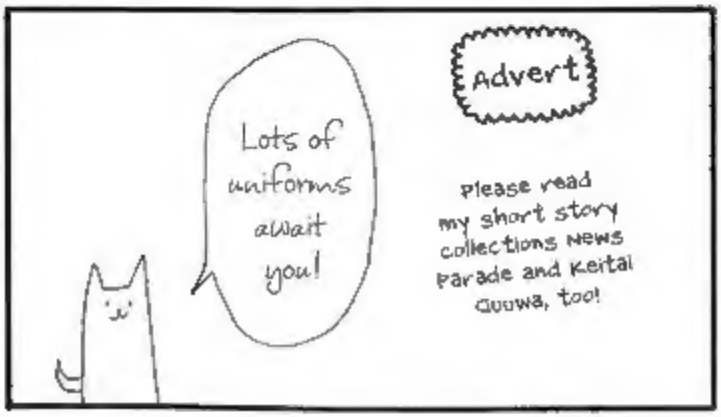
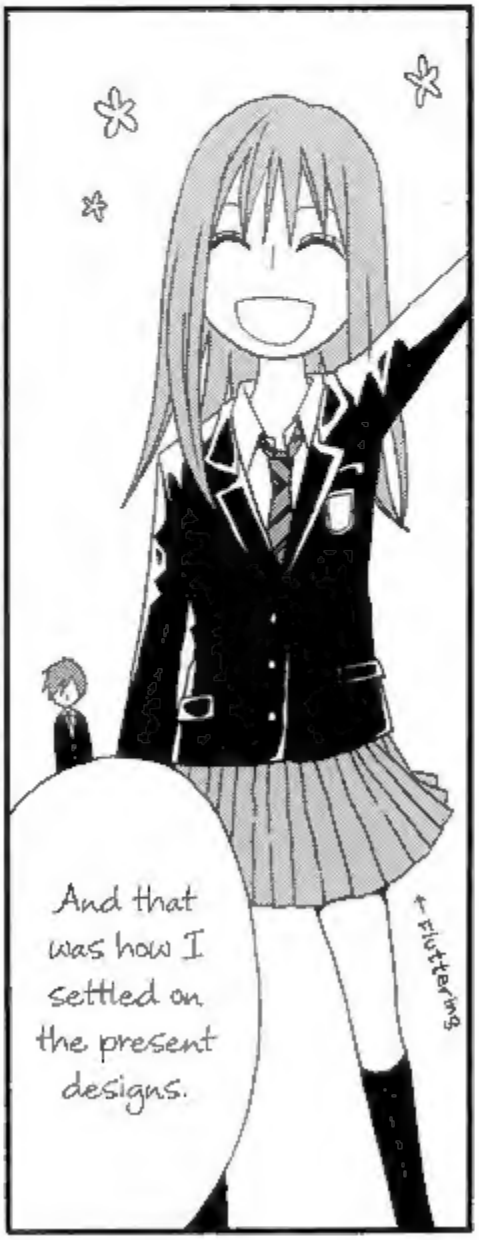

Girls are the top priority. Boys I can adjust accordingly.
Oh.
Next, I puzzled over these things: How many pleats to give the skirt? Would check pattern look cute? Ribbon bows or ties for girls? (Couldn't do without either.) etc.
I also felt compelled to vary the appearances of the characters when they entered high school, so I made the uniforms in blazer style.


I like sweatsuits, too, but...
However, according to the storyline, they spend half of volume 1 wearing sweatsuits.

What about summer vacation?
Will it reach that point?


Lots of uniforms await you!
Advert
Please read my short story collections News Parade and Keitai Ouuwa, too!


And that was how I settled on the present designs.
Fluttering

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RUMBLE
6 am
shock
REALLY...
To think you would be this cruel!

SON OF
……

#00

*Sakuragi Municipal Middle School
chatter
I WONDER IF IT WAS AROUND THE TIME THERE WAS A FEUDALIST SYSTEM IN PLACE ..
MEDIEVAL EUROPE
..BUT THE FEELING'S SOMEHOW DIFFERENT
chatter
chatter
WE HAVE MATH NEXT PERIOD .. IS THAT HIGH SCHOOL WORLD HISTORY?
eh?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T HANDED IN YOUR NOTES.
MINAMI!
ABSOLUTE MONARCHY
THE THEORY OF THE DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS

I BORROWED IT FROM THE LIBRARY.
I ALSO LOVE WORLD HISTORY!
KATAKANA HAS A ROMANTIC FEEL TO IT, RIGHT?
Romantic?
What the heck?
OH, NEVER MIND. JUST HAND IN YOUR NOTES.

*People with obsessive interests, particularly anime, manga, or video games.

YOU KNOW, MINAMI'S A WEIRD GUY SO IT MIGHT BE GOOD NOT TO GET INVOLVED WITH HIM TOO MUCH.
WHAT DO YOU CALL THAT... OTAKU*-TYPE?
HE WAS PRETTY ISOLATED DURING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TOO.
splash
KAMI-OKA-CHI
WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT WITH MINAMI EARLIER?
BUT HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT SORT?
WELL.. ABOUT THAT..
HE CLAIMS THAT IN HIS PREVIOUS LIFE HE WAS THE QUEEN OF SOME COUNTRY.
EH?
What was it again?
ABOUT WORLD HISTORY BEING ROMANTIC?

TEACHER,
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS A KNIGHT'S WAY OF DOING THINGS.
*Sakuraoka Municipal Elementary School

I WAS A PART OF THE ROYALTY,
AND SO I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE HANDLING A SWORD WITH BOTH HANDS
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN ACT THE ROLE OF A KNIGHT WELL OR NOT.

chatter
Ah ha ha
chatter

TIME SEEMED TO HAVE STOPPED IN CLASS THEN, RIGHT?
Right
HAHA,
THAT'S INTE-RESTING ...

HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MINAMI?
PREVIOUS LIFE?
THAT SURPRISED ME JUST NOW
WAS THAT KAMIOKA?
TO BE REINCARNATED? IS THERE SUCH A THING?
EH?
ISN'T THAT NORMAL?
BECAUSE MOST OF US CAME FROM THE SAME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THOSE FROM OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
WOULD HAVE HEARD THE RUMORS AND AVOIDED ME ALREADY
ISN'T MINAMI KINDA WEIRD?

absolute loyalty to the king!

The chill of the stone walls against my palm..

A language whose letters and words are different from Japanese..

Loneliness, loss, the smell of blood, and despair..

All these one must decide by oneself.

What one can do, what one cannot do, what one must do...

Swords and magic,

faith,

war,

Sounds like he thinks he's the reincarnation of some princess or something.

Geez ...

Delusional?

Isn't he just playing games too much?

A stone castle with no electricity, no gas, no water piping...

Even the moment of death...
Every-thing...
VERONICA-SAMA!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
IMPOS-SIBLE.

SFX: RUMBLE
BANG
BANG
BANG
SFX: RUMBLE
...VERO-NICA-
SAMA!
Demonc!

Although everything that happened is the truth...

HAVE YOU DECIDED ON WHICH CLUB TO JOIN?
IT'S TROUBLESOME, SO I WAS STILL THINKING OF WHAT TO DO.
It's compulsory to join, too.
THANKS.
SHOULD I JOIN BASKETBALL TOO...?
YOU'RE NOT JOINING A CULTURAL GROUP?
EH?
DO YOU WANT SWEETS?
I'VE REGISTERED TENTATIVELY FOR THE BASKETBALL CLUB.

There is no meaning to it in the world I live in today

AS I SUS-PECTED.
The rumors circulated within the class
ABOUT THE PREVIOUS LIFE AND SUCH?
I REALLY LIKE THOSE KINDS OF ROMANTIC THINGS.
SO WORLD HISTORY, KATAKANA, AND PREVIOUS INCARNATIONS ARE ALL ROMANTIC?
BECAUSE YOU'RE AN OTAKU, RIGHT?

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I SERI-OUSLY...
This story is only between the two of us, okay?
I'VE READ QUITE A BIT IN MANGA, THAT'S WHY ..
Why 14 years old?
THOSE KINDS OF IMAGIN-INGS. .
AFTER TURNING 14 YEARS OLD, SUD-DENLY GETTING TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER WORLD, OR THE AWAKENING OF POWERS. .

rustle
AH!
FOR EXAMPLE, TECHNOL-OGY THAT DOESN'T EXIST IN THIS WORLD,
OR A PARA-NORMAL PHENOM-ENON.
HEY
ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO PROVE IT?
ABOUT YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE

OR MAGIC?
whoosh
IN STONES,
WATER,
AIR,
IN A LEAF LIKE THIS ONE,
IN FLOWERS,

THERE ARE SPIRITS WHICH RESIDE IN THIS WORLD.
WE MAKE A CONTRACT WITH THEM IN ORDER TO BORROW THEIR POWERS.
THAT POWER IS WHAT WE CALL "MAGIC"
A WEAPON OF WAR, ISN'T IT.

INDEED, VERONICA-SAMA.
THE MONARCHY DOES NOT FIGHT IN THE FRONT LINES BUT...
THEN WHY AM I STUDYING MAGIC?
USING MAGIC IS NOT THE REASON BEHIND YOUR STUDIES.
HM. PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT IT.

I
.....
MAGIC, HUH
When I was young, a teacher from the monastery taught me
I never truly used it in my life
AFTER I BECAME MINAMI HARUSUMI I COMPLETELY FORGOT HOW TO USE IT
RUMBLE
RATHER, I WAS AFRAID
SO I DIDN'T WANT TO REMEMBER IT

BUT .
PROOF OF MY PREVI-OUS LIFE...
A WEAPON OF WAR, ISN'T IT
NO, THAT.
WOULDN'T HAPPEN
1-1
MINAMI-KUN!
chatter
chatter

bang
Oi!
MINAMI!
TO BE REINCARNATED? IS THERE SUCH A THING?
IT WAS THIS GUY.
YESTERDAY, YOU WENT HOME WITH KAMIOKA, RIGHT?
yay!
yay!
grin
grin
ARE YOU TWO DATING?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
HM..
BUT YOU LIKE HER, DON'T YOU?
Sigh
OTHERWISE YOU WOULDN'T GO HOME WITH HER SO FAMILIARLY.
WHAT KIND OF LOGIC IS THAT?
HUH!?
YOU'RE NOISY.
really
LISTEN WHEN OTHER PEOPLE ARE TALKING!
YOU...

HEH
IF MINAMI'S PREVIOUS LIFE WAS AS A PRINCESS,
WAS KAMIOKA YOUR PRINCE?

THAT'S NOT TRUE!
GIVE IT BACK.
KEEP DREAMING, OTAKU FREAK.
YOU'RE IMAGIN-ING THINGS AGAIN, RIGHT?

Then,
"WORDS"
ARE NEEDED IN MAGIC.
DEPENDING ON THE MAGIC, DIFFERENT WORDS ARE USED.
WORDS ARE USED TO ASK THE SPIRITS: "PLEASE LEND US YOUR STRENGTH."
IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE FOR THE MAGIC, WE NEED TO GIVE UP PART OF OUR LIFE ENERGY
Gyahi
Hnnn!
AFTER WHICH, WHAT WE NEED IS "A PART OF OUR BODY".
I KNOW IT'S POINT-LESS.
NO MATTER WHAT OR HOW I SAY IT .
HM,
THAT'S RIGHT
IN FLUIDS OR BLOOD. .
HAIR?
TEETH OR NAILS.
IN THAT CASE, VERONICA-SAMA.

If they don't understand even if I explain
LET ME TEACH YOU.
MINAMI.
AH, KAMIOKA. WHAT ABOUT YOUR CLUB ACTIVITY?
she
TODAY I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DENTIST!
AND SO I'M GIVING YOU ALL THESE SWEETS.
rustle
YOU CAN HAVE THIS. AH, THIS TOO.
eh?
I DON'T NEED ...
SFX: bump

WATCH IT, SHORTIE.
annoyed
AH
glance
AH
THAT DANGER-OUS-LOOKING GUY MUST BE A THIRD YEAR.
THE GUY WITH HIM WAS FROM OUR CLASS...
HE MADE SUCH A PATHETIC FACE ..
THAT GUY STANDS OUT TOO MUCH . I WONDER IF HE OFFENDED THEM?
SERVES YOU RIGHT
heheehe
EVEN IN THE BASKETBALL CLUB, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UPPER-CLASSMEN AND UNDERCLASSMEN IS REALLY STRICT
MORE LIKE, THE THIRD YEARS ARE TOO COCKY
THE GROUP'S ALL SCAT-TERED.

EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE WAS FRIENDS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
HOW NOSTALGIC
Veronica-sama!
AHH THAT'S!

VERO-NICA-SAMA.
it's fine.
stare
YOUR HANDS ARE DIRTIED WITH MUD!
IT IS FINE.
?

SFX: slam
THE FUTURE'S STILL A LONG WAY AHEAD OF US, AFTER ALL..
end of com-plaint
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO BUT GET USED TO IT..
OH WELL

SPEAK LOUDER.
THAT'S NOT...
WHAT'D YOU SAY? "AS IF I WOULD GET SERIOUS WITH THE LIKES OF YOU JERKS", WAS IT ?
I...I
I KNOW
SOMEONE WHO'S MORE IMPERTINENT THAN ME!
IT-
IT'S THE GUY WHO BUMPED INTO YOU AT THE ENTRANCE WAY EARLIER. THE ONE WHO WAS WITH THE GIRL AND LISTENING TO MUSIC. THAT GUY CALLED MINAMI!
OH ?
HA HA HA HA HA..
HAHA .
YOU'RE THE WORST, AREN'T YOU. .
BUT I DON'T DISLIKE THOSE WHO ARE TRUE TO THEMSELVES.
wham
ugh
slide
UGH...
AH...
grab
YOU'VE GOT LESS GUTS THAN I IMAGINED..
OR AM I WRONG?
Too
AH?

I want to use it
Honestly speaking,
WHY?
EVEN IF SUCCESSFUL, AT BEST THE MAGIC CAN ONLY BE USED AS A DISTRACTION.
IF IT HAS LEFT THE BODY FOR MORE THAN HALF A DAY, THE EFFECT WILL BE WEAKENED.
FOR THIS MAGIC, WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT THE HAIR WE USE IS FRESHLY PLUCKED.
IN OTHER WORDS, A SACRIFICE FOR THE SPIRITS.
AS I EXPLAINED IN THE BEGINNING, THE "PART OF YOUR BODY" YOU ARE OFFERING TO THE SPIRITS IS THE EXCHANGE FOR DRAWING OUT THE MAGIC.
THE WANTS OF THE SPIRITS CAN ALSO CHANGE.
INSTEAD OF HOT TEA, THEY PREFER IT COLD AND INSTEAD OF FRESH MEAT, THEY PREFER IT DRIED.
IT ACTUALLY DEPENDS ON THE MAGIC.
IT MEANS THAT THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT DECAYING MEAT FOR EXCHANGE?

"In stones."
"In lea- "In yes." flow- ers"
Splash
"In water"
Splash
Splash
Splash

HAH --
Eh?
KAMI-OKA?
clink
NO WAY!
MINAMI?

Everything is decided by the spirits.
I want to use it,
but in this world
do the same spirits also exist?

WHAT HAPPENED..? YOUR CHEEKS ARE SWOLLEN..
AH.
OH RIGHT, JUST WENT TO THE DENTIST'S.
.....
SLAP
SLAP

A FIGHT WITH THE THIRD YEARS!?

IT WAS THE DAY I TOOK LEAVE FROM CLUB ACTIVITIES BECAUSE I HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DENTIST
AFTER THAT, I WENT HOME WITH YOU, RIGHT?
AND THEN...

UGH.
UGH.
UWAHHHH Damnit!
It's frustrating, Minami...!
HUH?

IT SEEMS THE THIRD YEARS FROM THE BASKETBALL CLUB SAW IT
LYING SO THAT YOU COULD SKIP CLUB ACTIVITIES AND PLAY AROUND WITH BOYS, WHAT A SIMPLE-MINDED GIRL
DON'T FORGET YOU'RE JUST A FIRST YEAR
OR ARE YOU LOOKING DOWN ON US?
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY YOU HEAR?
Ah?
IF IT'S THE RECEIPT FROM THE DENTIST THEN I HAVE IT WITH ME
IT'S. NOT ABOUT. THAT.
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT YOU BEING FLIPPANT!
JUST A FRESHMAN, AND YET ALREADY BAGGING A BOYFRIEND AND GETTING FULL OF YOURSELF!
HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND.
HUH!? THEN PROVE IT TO US! PROVE IT!
irritated
THAT'S ENOUGH!
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S USELESS NO MATTER HOW I TRY TO EXPLAIN!
HUH!?
IT'S STUPID!
IT'S THIS IMPERTINENT ATTITUDE OF YOURS THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT!
WHAM

KAMIOKA... SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE MATURE ABOUT THIS?
STILL..
THE SECOND YEARS CAME TO STOP IT.
AFTER THAT WE GOT INTO A FIST FIGHT.

HOW WORTH-LESS.
everyone's the same way.

...AND MY IMPATIENCE RESULTED IN MY OWN LOSS.
BUT AFTER I SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED THE SITUATION, IT WAS A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME TO CONCERN MYSELF WITH SUCH PETTY PEOPLE.
I HAVE TO LEARN IT...
IF THERE IS A PROPER WAY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS TO BEHAVE,
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

I THINK IT'S SMARTER TO JUST GO WITH THE FLOW.
BUT THE THIRD YEARS WILL GRADUATE THE FOLLOWING SUMMER.
I KNOW HOW ANGRY YOU ARE.
We were also similar victims

annoyed
I COULDN'T THINK OF FORGIVING THEM AFTER THAT
I WAS ALSO FURIOUS AT FIRST
IS THIS THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACE-AT-ANY-PRICE? HOW FRUSTRATING...!

To face those types of people head on
is a complete waste of time but
To use magic...

This reincarnation thing is just from your imagination right?
If it's true, you gotta show us proof!

fssh
But I'm still pissed off!

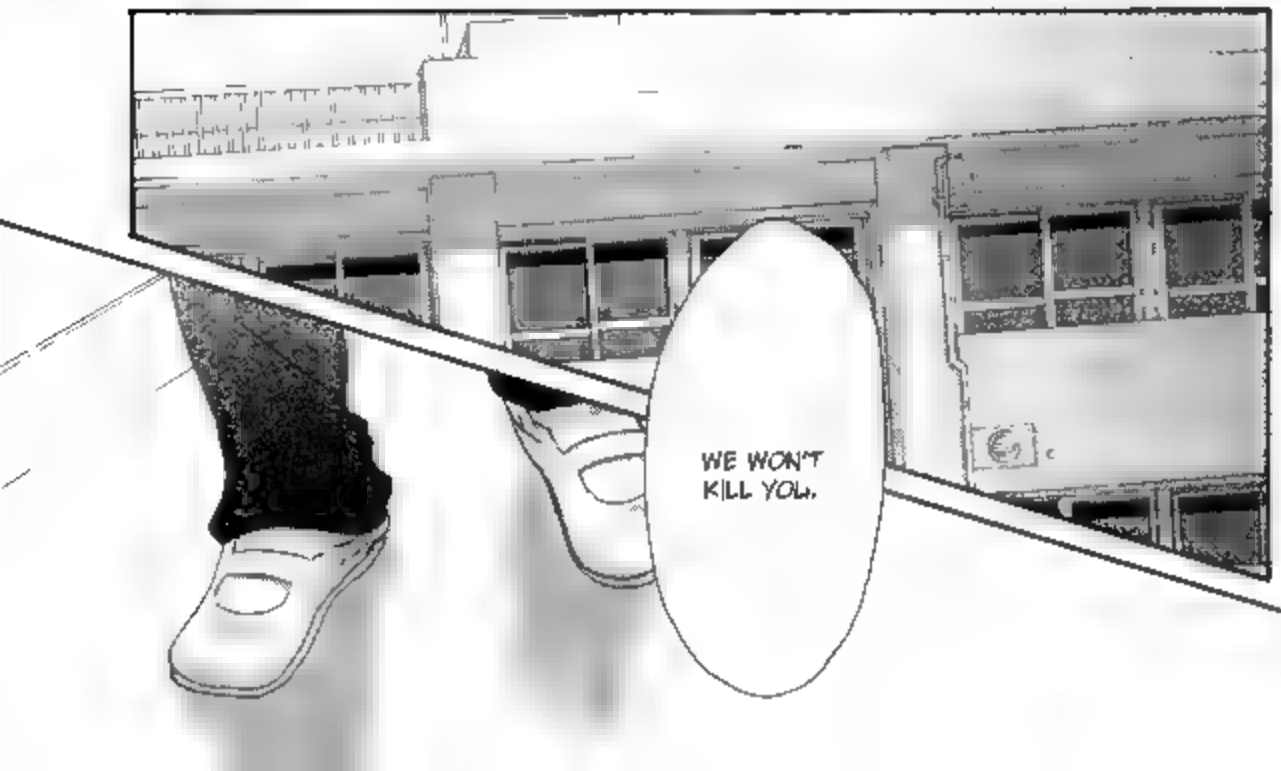
I wanted to flush them all down the toilet!
Toi-
-let

HM, PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT IT.

Kamioka is flexible in her thinking

TO NEED TO LEARN IT EVEN THOUGH I WILL NOT BE USING IT ..
TO UNDER-STAND WHAT IS THE RIGHT USAGE OF POWER AND WHAT IS NOT...
HMM
IN THAT CASE,
. . . ?
VERONICA-SAMA, WOULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE THINKING NOW?
WHAT-EVER IT IS,

I DON'T UNDER-STAND,
BUT .
IT IS THE POWER TO CAUSE DEATH.


WE WON'T KILL YOU.

YOU GO OUTSIDE TO KEEP A LOOKOUT.
NOT LIKE WE'D GET ANYTHING OUT OF IT.
NAH, WE'RE JUST PLAYING AROUND
creak
OH.
HE'S HERE ALRIGHT
MINAMI-KUN.
WHAT IS IT?
EH?
HOW COULD YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN.
EARLIER YOU KNOCKED INTO US AT THE ENTRANCE WAY RIGHT?
I WAS THINKING I HADN'T RECEIVED A PROPER APOLOGY OR ANYTHING YET...
AH
ON TOP OF THAT THERE WERE SO MANY RUMORS ABOUT YOU.
SOMETHING ABOUT HAVING THE CLASS UNDER YOUR THUMB,
AND LIKING GIRLS?

sfx: bam
thud
cough
THOSE?
THOSE ARE GROUNDLESS ACCUSATIONS!
kick
SEEMS LIKE I'VE LANDED MYSELF IN THE SAME SITUATION KAMIOKA CAUGHT HERSELF IN.
AH.
THOSE

IS IT A CUSTOM IN THIS MIDDLE SCHOOL...
FOR THIRD YEARS TO CORNER THE FIRST YEARS IN THE GYM TOILET?
HUH?
...THAT'S RIGHT
Ah!
Even after I told him to hand it in right before lunch. Where the hell is he!?
MINAMI?
I SAW HIM GOING TO THE GYM EARLIER..
REALLY!?
Eh?
PISSED
Minami again!
HE WAS WITH SOME BOY WHO SEEMED LIKE A SENIOR ARE THEY FRIENDS?
HOW UNUSUAL.

So pointless.
Damn it
SQUISH
Pointless!
YOU SAID YOU WERE THE REINCARNATION OF A PRINCESS?
YOU.
WHAT A COCKY EXPRESSION.
HA HA.

AH
DO YOU USE THAT KIND OF PICK-UP LINE ON GIRLS?
WE WERE LOVERS IN OUR PREVIOUS LIFE!
Haha
So it was all because of him.
HM?
ANYWAY, THERE'S NO SUCH THING!
YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND GRADUATE FROM
SUCH USELESS HALLUCINATIONS.
THEY'RE NOT USELESS...
In that case, Veronica-sama,
let me teach you

flick
IT'S THE OTHER WAY
HM.
SACRI-FICES ARE TO FACE THE SKY,
THAT'S RIGHT ..
NOW,
THE "WORDS".
I'll show you!

IT IS THE POWER TO CAUSE DEATH.
But, it's justifiable to use it against violence, isn't it?
a weapon of war, isn't it
...?
.....
WHAT THE...
whoosh

Ah.
that's right
What would I do if he died?
This is 21st century Japan already.
"If there is a proper way for middle schoolers to behave"
"I have to learn it"
thud

I...
have to remain in this world even in the future, so...
shut
HUH?
OI OI, WHAT WAS THAT?
rattle
rattle
kick
COME OUT
kick
.....
TEA-CHER,
I WAS ROYALTY IN THE PAST AND SO,
I DO NOT KNOW THE WAYS OF A KNIGHT.

slide
用具入
*Cleaning tools
Spray
It's not that I don't know.
...WHY, YOU!
Grab!
It's just that it's some-thing I had to do.

thud
!?
flinch
OW!
GAH!
YOU'RE
splash
splash
HURTS
.....
OW OW OW
whack
swing
!
YOU LITTLE ...

.....
AH.
sfx: splash
UGH.
drip drip
I'M ALL WET
skid
push
WAH...
WWAH!

Kamioka's
splash
MINAMI
TCH...
DON'T LET HIM RUN AWAY OR
I'LL KILL YOU!

flick
For this magic, what is important is that the hair we use is freshly plucked
If it has left the body for more than half a day, the effects will be weakened
Even if success-ful.
At best, the magic can only be used as a distraction.

Ah.

Thank goodness. At least

those days

hadn't been a figment of my imagination.

bzzz

creak
I was always alone so...
WHAT HAP-PENED!?
MINAMI!
WHAT ...
WHAT WAS THAT LIGHT...?
Honestly, I wasn't too confident
YOU'RE SOAK-ING WET...
A LOT OF THINGS HAP-PENED,
ALL THANKS TO KAMI-OKA.
Because I'd always been alone...

I like that kind of thing!
THANK YOU...
ah ha ha
THEN IT BECAME REALLY BRIGHT..
chatter
chatter
HE POINTED A FINGER AT US AND I THINK HE SUDDENLY MUTTERED SOMETHING.
LIKE I TOLD YOU,

BEFORE I REALIZED IT, MINAMI WAS GONE!
YOU FAINTED AFTER BEING BEATEN UP, DIDN'T YOU?
AS IF I WOULD BE BEATEN UP BY SOME-ONE LIKE MINAMI!

OKAY, OKAY.
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU REALLY HATE MINAMI.
WHA ...
WAIT UP!
Haa
ANYWAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING CATCHING THE ATTENTION OF THE THIRD YEARS?
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW IT'S JUST GONNA GET WORSE FROM HERE.

pass
HEY!
WHAT AN IDIOT.
BECOMING SO FRANTIC.
YOU GUYS!
MOVE IT.

It's not like you even have any evidence, so of course no one would believe such delusional fantasies
IF I SAID THAT "IN MY PREVIOUS LIFE I WAS A PRINCESS",
IT'S A GIVEN THAT OTHER PEOPLE WOULD REACT JUST LIKE HE DID.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS JUST A KID THEN I OBVIOUSLY HADN'T THOUGHT IT THROUGH ENOUGH.
But I wa... angry that I... pay back
AH, MINAMI
MORNING!
I will live my life as Minami Karusumi in this world.

Every-
one...
Surely
...
Died...
Over
there...
Every-
one...
The for-
tress of
chaos...
My grave.
I won't
forget...

#01

DAMN. IT'S PRETTY..
THE BOUNDARY OF ORANGE AND BLUE IS TOO MYSTERIOUS.
CRUSH
WHOA!
WHAT THE ..?
MINAMI!

KAMI-OKA!
...OH, MAN...
scattering your sweets
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED, SINCE WE'RE IN DIFFERENT CLASSES NOW.
AH, YOU WANT?
ALTHOUGH I'M SORRY IT FELL EARLIER.
May.
What's up with that?
THEN I'LL HELP MYSELF.
A month has passed since we became high school students.
THANKS ...!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, LONG TIME NO SEE, MINAMI!

I HAVE BASKETBALL MORNING PRACTICE, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
PRACTICE FOR NEXT WEEK'S CLASS MATCH.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR CLASS?
MY CLASS HAS TOO FEW MEMBERS FROM SPORTS TEAMS,
AND IT DOESN'T REALLY FEEL LIKE WE'RE UNITED
Ah!
Eh... Everyone in the class!? So cool!

?
AH... SORRY!
WHEN I'M WITH YOU, MINAMI, I FEEL SO AT EASE THAT I JUST BLABBER AWAY ABOUT THINGS.
IT'S A BAD HABIT OF MINE.
I DON'T REALLY MIND.
I CAN GO ON END-LESSLY, YOU KNOW ...
AH!
IT'S MINAMI.
SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL?
YEAH
HE USED TO SAY WEIRD THINGS IN THE PAST.
LIKE HOW HE WAS A PRINCESS IN HIS PREVI-OUS LIFE.

Wah!
WAI-
AND THAT HE WAS REINCARNATED AFTER HE DIED DURING A WAR.
appear
HEY.
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT!
In a world
THAT WAS MY FOOLISHNESS TALKING WHEN I WAS A KID.
FORGET ABOUT IT,
AND PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE ANYMORE.
I would be extremely grateful
Eh?
BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER, THOUGH.
YES IT DOES!
where endless wars were waged with swords and magic in order to expand the nation's borders,
I was Veronica, the third-generation successor of a small country called Zerestria.
But it's all in the past.
I died during wartime.

It's not my imagi-nation!
Aren't you just imagining things?
Even in this life, magic manifested itself so I'm sure of it.
But...
MINAMI!
WHAT WAS THAT LIGHT JUST NOW!?
DON'T TELL ME
KAMIOKA.
WATER GOT INTO THE FLUORES-CENT LIGHTS, SO IT CAUSED AN EXPLOSION.
Does it?
THAT CAN HAPPEN!?
In this world...
I have to continue my life here.
Even if I don't want to deny its existence, as Minami Harusumi, however...

Don't say it don't say it
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT MINAMI BEING A PRINCESS?
stare
IT'S JUST SOME EMBARRASSING FANTASY OF MINE WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG
Ah... why does one come after another...?
I-I-I HAVE TO GO FOR MORNING PRACTICE ALREADY.
Bye.

Researched
Ah, so junior high students in this world usually have similar fantasies.
Then I'll just pretend to be one of them myself.

it's alright. i'll keep the princess thing a secret.
MINAMI!
MORNING!

WAS THAT GIRL FROM YOUR SCHOOL, MINAMI?
Morn-ing.
Sigh
YEAH.
AH, TAKAO!

YES...
IT'S QUITE EARLY IN THE MORNING, AFTER ALL
AND ON TOP OF THAT, THERE WAS AN EARTH-QUAKE THIS MORNING, RIGHT?
And so I woke up.
Morning!
Mornin'
EH.
HAH...
Fwah
JUST FRIENDS!
BUT WE'RE JUST FRIENDS.
ME TOO.
THAT'S GOOD.
6 9M
chatter
CLASS 4 GATHER!
WE'RE STARTING!
chatter
Rebound!
IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL BLUE AND ORANGE
BUT THANKS TO THAT I SAW THE MORNING GLOW.

grab
swish
thud
tap
tap
tap
HAS SHE WOKEN UP?
so energetic
IT'S SCARY HOW TAKAO IS PLAYING WITH THE GUYS.
nod
YEAH

ME TOO.
WE'RE SHORT ON PEOPLE.
EVERYONE IN THE CLASS IS MAKING A FUSS ABOUT IT. YOU GONNA JOIN?
OH?
BUT I LIKE IT
REALLY ...
Zeze ...!
HARU-SUMI!
HAA
TO BE HONEST, I'M BAD AT IT
BA-
BOUNCE
dodge

HEY, WHOSE BAG IS THIS? I HEARD SOMETHING BREAKING INSIDE.
ARE YOU OKAY, MINAMI?
Gya ha ha!
dash
EH... WHAT IF IT'S MINE?
Kya!
crunch
bam
AH... INSIDE...
MINAMI, YOU OKAY?
AH...
I WAS JUST THINKING, WHICH LANGUAGE IT'S WRITTEN IN...
I can't read it...
AH, NAH. THIS NOTEBOOK...
WHAT'S WRONG, ZEZE?
?

Over there over there
That's the bump
Minami!
Huh?
WHOSE BAG IS THIS?
WHOSE NOTE-BOOK IS THIS?
IT'S WRITTEN IN WORDS I DON'T UN-DERSTAND...
There's no way they'll understand what's writ-ten there
In any case, the words from that world are incompre-hensible to every-one else.
They saw it.
NO!
NO, NO, IT'S ALRIGHT
Is this note-book yours?
CALM DOWN
Yeah
IT'S MINE.

ding dong
That's not true
AFTER I PASSED THE ENTRANCE EXAMS, I THREW ALL MY STUDY TOOLS AWAY.
AH.. MINAMI SURE IS HARD-WORKING
IT'S IN TAMIL, THE LANGUAGE OF SRI LANKA.
THERE'S A BOOK I WANTED TO READ.
Ah.
WE HAVE TO GO.
ding dong
What's first period again?
Ja-pan-ese.
"WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES YOU SO ANXIOUS?"
THIS WILL BE EXPLAINED IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH
"WITH THE OTHERS
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO UN-DERSTANDS IT ANYWAY
NO MATTER WHAT IS WRITTEN THERE,
THAT'S RIGHT, THERE WAS NO REASON FOR ME TO BE ANXIOUS

ITEMS WHICH WILL NOT BE USED DURING BATTLES NEED TO BE KEPT IN A POUCH BEFOREHAND
OLD HAIR, OLD CLAWS,
OLD BLOOD,
SHAVED SKIN WHICH HAS HARDENED.
...AH,
I'M JUST CHECKING THE TOOLS FOR CASTING MAGIC.
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

IS IT YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING IT?
THAT IS AN UMBILICAL CORD.
THIS IS... A MILK TOOTH? WHAT IS THIS BLACK OBJECT?
LET ME SEE. THE HAIR AND CLAW OVER HERE ARE FAKES WHICH CANNOT BE USED FOR ANYTHING I WILL JUST DANGLE THEM IN CONSPICUOUS PLACES.
BUT IT WOULD BE BAD IF THE ENEMY STOLE AWAY THIS DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD.

I would start writing continuously like this as I recalled these memories
Hm
I SEEM TO HAVE SEEN SOMEONE USING THOSE THINGS BEFORE
WHICH SPELL WOULD THESE ITEMS BE USED FOR, I WONDER
AH.
MILK TEETH AND
AN UMBILICAL CORD!
Magic is the only proof I have, thus
I want to keep it in some written form.

I don't want to forget.

At least,

THE LAST BIT OF MONEY I HAD IN MY WALLET
It rolled and rolled
AH, I SEE.
I'LL TREAT YOU. WHAT DRINK DO YOU WANT?
AH
IT'S OKAY.
...TAKAO?
stand
IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY WANTED TO DRINK IT
EH? REALLY?
IT HURTS A LITTLE BUT I'M ALRIGHT I CAN STILL JOIN THE AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICE.
ARE YOU STAYING TOO, TAKAO?
YES.
WE'LL DEFINITELY WIN.
THAT ASIDE, HOW'S THE BUMP?
YOU SEEMED QUITE WORRIED DURING THE LESSON EARLIER.
YOU SAW ME?

HEY, MINAMI ..
Uwah!
HIROKI.
YOU LIKE HARUKO, RIGHT?
Takao Haruko
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT HARUKO?
HER HONESTY AND STRAIGHTFORWARD NATURE.
AH... I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN.
YOU CAN TELL?
.....
IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE SO I COULDN'T JUST LET IT GO.
Makes me want to bully you.

THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME NOT TO SAY IT.
AH.
WILL YOU TELL HER YOUR FEELINGS?
EVENTUALLY.
MINAMI'S ALSO PRETTY STRAIGHT FORWARD.

NO GOOD, I'M SPOUTING OUT VERONICA'S VALUES SO FREELY
SHE'LL THINK THAT I'M SOME KIND OF WEIRD GUY...
IT MIGHT BE TOO BLUNT IF I GO STRAIGHT ON. . . SO... HOW?
MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I USED TEXT MESSAGES OR LETTERS?
It's more typical for girls
I DISLIKE THAT KIND OF THING MORE, THOUGH.
DISLIKE?

IF YOU GET REJECTED, WORDS LIKE "SORRY", "I DISLIKE YOU", "I HAVE SOMEONE ELSE I LIKE"...
Ah, I see... To be rejected...
IT'S THE FEAR THAT THESE EMOTIONS WILL BE RETURNED TO ME AS WORDS.
TO BE LEFT WITH THESE FEELINGS ONLY IN THE SHAPE OF WORDS.
IT'S SCARY.

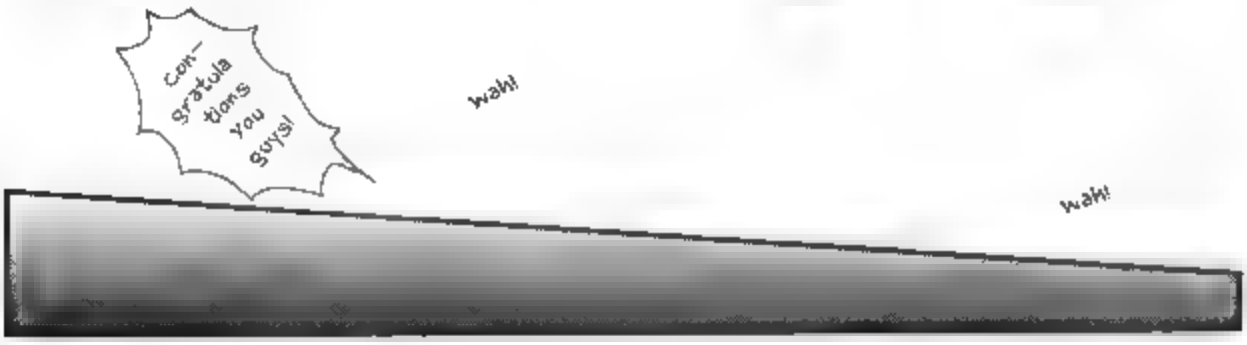
I'LL BE ROOTING FOR YOU.
Ah.
I'll try my best so I won't be rejected
Thanks, Hiroki.
ALL RIGHT, THEN, LET'S GATHER IN THE SECOND GYM HALL AFTER FINISHING CLEAN UP
WE'RE GONNA PRACTICE FOR THE CLASS MATCH!
Ah.
MINAMI, BYE BYE!
EH, ZEZE, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU I'M LAZY?

clink
HERE, FOR THE BUMP.
EH!?
MINAMI!
Ah
TAKAO.
I DOUBT HE'LL EVEN COME FOR THE COMPETITION
!
YOU WANTED TO BUY ME JUICE FOR THIS PURPOSE?
DON'T TELL ME. .
It's not that I really wanted to drink it
That aside, how's the bump?
TAKAO.
.....
Now that you've mentioned it, it's throbbing with pain
THANK YOU!
I TOOK IT FROM THE INFIRMARY.
IF ONLY I HAD DONE IT EARLIER.

I like you, Takao.
HA-
HARU-SUMI...
IT'S TRUE
what's with that re-sponse?
.....
"Sorry."

"I have someone else I like."
IT'S NO GOOD ALL NEGATIVE THOUGHTS
AH...
EH... TAKAO.
WH-
WHOA.
WHOA?
.....
.....
"I hate you."
UM.
I also like you.
Huh?

HOW WAS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE MUTUAL FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER?
YEAH... WE WITNESSED SOMETHING GOOD.
SO YOU WERE LIKE THAT TOO?
HARUKO!
THIS GUY!
I'm jealous of you!
WHY YOU, HARUSUMI, WHEN DID YOU...
Oh
h
h
h


Congratulations you guys!
Wah!
Wah!

TO WHO, TO WHO?
NO WAY!
Kya
someone from our class?
say it!
.....
CONFESS TOO.
.. MAYBE I SHOULD

You bastards!
I HAVE FEELINGS FOR SAKURA...
ACTUALLY, I FEEL A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR MAKI.
You're really careless.
Eat this!
BAM
Haruki
WHAT A RECKLESS GUY...
IT'S YOUR FAULT, HARUSUMI, IF WE LOSE NEXT WEEK'S CLASS MATCH.
HEY, WHAT'S THE SECRET OF HARUSUMI'S SUCCESS?
TIMING?
DAMN... THE GIRLS HAVE NO ENTHUSIASM!
THE GUYS HAVE NO ENTHUSIASM AT ALL.
Wait
Wait
WAIT A SECOND, WHAT'S THAT? THEY'RE PLAYING DODGEBALL...
Aim for Haru-sumi!

ZERES-TORIANS.
MORSVEEG PEOPLE,
THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS FORTRESS
THE KNIGHTS, CLERGYMEN, MAIDS, AND SERVANTS
THE CITI-ZENS.
THE ROY-ALTY, THE NOBLES.
That's right
IS IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO VIEW THINGS
FROM THE SAME HEIGHT AND LAUGH TO-GETHER?
EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR A MOMENT,

"I have to continue living in this world".
It's not like that.
Boys, stop playing around!
What's that!? In the first place. It was you girls who were.
?
I want to live on.

And tomorrow morning, we, Year 1 Class 4 will do our best!
Alright, thus we'll aim to win the class match!
EH? WIN?
Yeah...!
WE'LL DO IT!
That's a lie, a lie
Ah, KAMIOKA.
MINAMI!
I said my treat
I HEARD ABOUT IT... THE CONFESSION ON THE CORRIDOR IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASSROOM CLEAN UP.
I WANTED TO SEE IT...
HIC HIC HIC

HAA. I FEEL LIKE A FATHER SEEING HIS GIRL BECOMING A BRIDE.
THEN, SEE YOU TOMORROW!
WHAT AN INTERESTING PERSON MINAMI'S FATHER IS.
Although she's a girl
tap tap
Ah, wait, I forgot something in the classroom.
Kamioka, ets go!
HARUKO-CHAN! I LEAVE MINAMI IN YOUR CARE HE MAY BE WEIRD, BUT HE'S GOT A GOOD HEART.
MY NAME'S HARUKO
AH, MISS GIRLFRIEND!
Hey hey
Even you, Takao
YES!
Just joking
NO WAY
I thought Minami was your first name
step step
OH YEAH
YOU CAN JUST CALL ME HARUSUMI.
HERE.
YEAH

Creak
Clatter
I WONDER IF SOMEONE'S HERE?
It's too dark to see, though.
Clatter
Clatter
Clatter

It's the same as that time.
EH
EH!?

AS IF IT COULD BE HIM.
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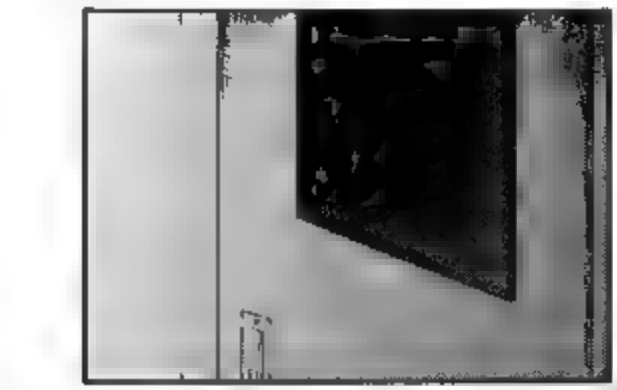
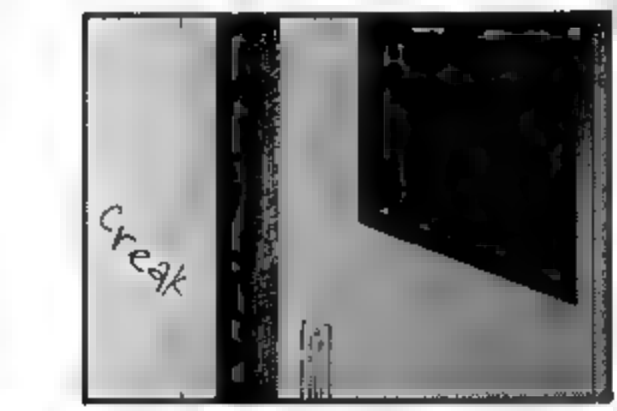
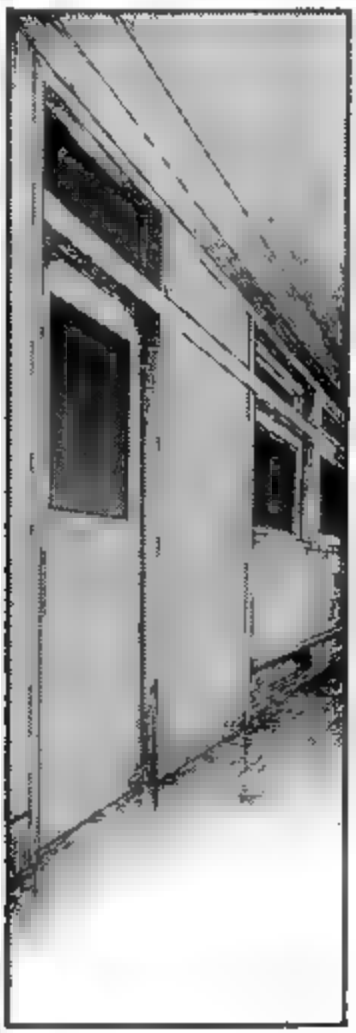



Creak

Cat+et

.....
WHO'S THERE!?



sfx: rumble
WELL,
JUST NOW THE WINDOW FROM THE SCHOOL WING OPPOSITE. .
!
WHAT'S WRONG?

sfx: flash
...Magic!

HARUSUMI?
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
It's the same as me.
It's the same as me
This moment...

I've always been waiting for it

It's a power that can kill people.
Magic is a tool of war.
That's right.
In that case, there is nothing but evil intention behind it.

KAMI-
OKA!
THIS FOR-
TRESS WILL
FALL ..

AND SO, IT IS CERTAIN THAT NO ONE
WOULD BE ABLE TO SURVIVE.

Is it
repeating
itself?

I think you are too engrossed in gaming
Idiot.
How can this be the same?
Body temperature...
The soul
The blood
Can't be returned...

#02

step

step

Stop sneaking around
it's irritating
Who are you!?

AH.. HIROK.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT SEEMS LIKE THERE WAS A FLASH OF LIGHT OVER THE SCHOOL BUILDING WHERE OUR CLASSROOM IS.
LIGHT?

YO.. YOU.
WHO are YOU..?

!
HE UNDER-STANDS.
Come out!
If there is someone who can understand my words...
If there is someone who has the same memories as me.
Then perhaps I wouldn't be lonely...

What is this?
MINAMI RAN AWAY ONCE HE SAW THE LIGHT,
AND AFTER THAT,
TAKAO ALSO FOLLOWED HIM.
Which...

Which country's language was Mirani using?
But I can almost relate to the language...
Why?
Why?
THE LASARASARE FAMILY WAS UNDER THE ZERESTORIA ROYAL FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS.

What?
YOU CAN DEFINITELY DO IT, RITA.
YES!
I WILL BE GOING, MOTHER!
What?
OUR PRIDE,
OUR LIVES,
ARE ALL FOR PROTECTING VERONICA-SAMA.
Hehe.

...?
A GUARD WOULD MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE BY MY SIDE AT ALL TIMES, RIGHT?
I'M NOT USED TO IT!
PLEASE JUST THINK OF ME AS NON-EXISTENT, VERONICA-SAMA.
HOW CAN SOMEONE LIKE ME AND VERONICA-SAMA...
I KNOW.
LET'S SHARE CONVERSATION ABOUT OUR-SELVES TO KNOW MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER, RITA.
ISN'T IT EASIER IF WE ARE FRIENDLIER TO EACH OTHER?

The Royal Family is different from what I thought
IT'S TOO DIFFI-CULT
I will forever be under your service
Veron
ica
Ah...!

MAGIC!?
!!
flash

SFX: SWOOSH

Ah...

LIGHT...

VERONICA-SAMA
LET'S GO.
YOU WILL SURVIVE THIS.
I WILL PROTECT YOU WITH MY LIFE!
IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T

RITA, YOU HAVE THAT DON'T YOU?
YES.
?
ALL THE TIME!
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT
ALL NOBLES SHOULD HAVE A MAGIC WHICH IS ONLY TAUGHT TO ONE PERSON, RIGHT?
OF COURSE THE ROYAL FAMILY TOO.
I ALSO HAVE IT .
THE MAGIC WHICH I CAN PROTECT MYSELF WITH.
WHAT?
VERONCA-SAMA!
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU ARE DIS-CLOSING!
RITA.
THE MAGIC WILL REBOUND BACK TO YOU FIERCELY!
The law forbids you to say anymore

YOUR DUTY IS TO PROTECT ME WHILE MY ROLE IS THE ONE BEING PROTECTED.
HOWEVER IN CASE YOUR SWORD DOESN'T REACH IN TIME,
I HAVE THE STRENGTH TO PROTECT MY OWN LIFE TOO
Isn't it easier if we are friendlier to each other?
RE-MEMBER THAT.
YES!
YOUR ROLE... I AM ALWAYS THINKING
THE LOAD ON YOUR SHOULDER AND
IF THERE IS ANY WAY TO LIGHTEN IT

I SHALL JUST BE QUIET
ABOUT HOW I AM STILL NOT USED TO USING IT.
.....
thump
thump
thump
HAA. .
Haa..
Haa..

WAIT!
SLAM
veronica sama
MINAMI
Kami-oka!
what?

AH..!
EH?
AH?
I will take over,
Veronica-sama
Please retreat to somewhere safe

I AM VERY GLAD THAT I AM ABLE TO MEET YOU AGAIN!
Eh?

EH, FIRE? WHAT?
..SOME-HOW I FEEL AS IF I HAD SEEN IT BEFORE.
.....
WHAT IS THAT JUST NOW?
EH?
NO.
.....
!
YUU....
really?
HUH...?
I'LL GO AND TAKE A LOOK.
ANYWAY, ISN'T THERE SOMETHING WRONG?

EH...?
WAI-
DON'T SIT DOWN.
DO YOU FEEL LIKE VOMITING?
UN? WHAT'S WRONG MOMOKA?
NN...
SOMEHOW I FEEL SICK
Midou!

I AM ALSO NOT FEELING TOO GOOD...
I'M GOING TO THE BATHROOM, THE ONE IN THE GYM.
...WHY?
AH, HIROKI. ERR.. I'M ALSO...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

YUU...
I ALSO FEEL AS IF I HAD SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THAT EARLIER.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YEAH!
THANKS. .

YEAH...
WHERE? IN SCHOOL?
HEY!
HUH?
IT FELT A LITTLE... NOSTALGIC...
.....
ALTHOUGH I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND
BUT IT WAS A VERY LONG TIME AGO.
IT FEELS AS IF A LONG LONG TIME AGO.
BUT NOT DURING MY CHILDHOOD

...YOU WILL BE ALRIGHT, KAMIOKA. THE AMBULANCE IS ON THE WAY.
NN. .
SORRY . THE STRAP IS DIRTIED WITH BLOOD.
HEH..
IT'S ALRIGHT, ANYWAY. IT'S MY OWN BLOOD.
TERRIBLE.
MY MIND IS TURNING BLANK AND MY BODY FEELS HEAVY.
IT HURTS TOO.
THERE IS ALSO A THROBBING PAIN IN MY SHOULDERS.
AH... REALLY...
WHY DO I HAVE TO ENCOUNTER SUCH THINGS.
SORRY...
.....
.HOW ARE YOU FEELING .?

About Veronica...
BUT PERHAPS
ALTHOUGH I DO NOT KNOW WHO IT IS,
IS IT MINAMI'S FAULT?
SOMEONE KNEW ABOUT ME.
Veronica-sama!"
There's already one person.
So there must be more..
IS THAT MAGIC? THAT WAS BEING USED IN WAR?
...DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL, YOU KNOW THAT.. THE LIGHT IN THE TOILET?
THAT WAS THE SAME, WASN'T IT?
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE A PRINCESS IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

IT'S TRUE.
IT'S TRUE!
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A PREVIOUS LIFE!
MOREOVER A PRINCESS?
MY PRINCESS! THE WEIGHT ON MY SHOULDERS.
PRINCESS! THE ENEMY IS ATTACKING US!
ha ha ha ha

I LIKE THOSE KIND OF THINGS!
MINAMI!
YOU OTAKU DREAM TOO MUCH
AREN'T YOU GROWING OUT OF IT?
ISN'T THERE ANYWAY TO PROVE IT?
FOR EXAMPLE WITH THE TECHNOLOGY CURRENTLY
MAN DOESN'T HAVE.
AH!

Like magic?

Is not what I wished for!
Haa...
Haa...
Leap
Land

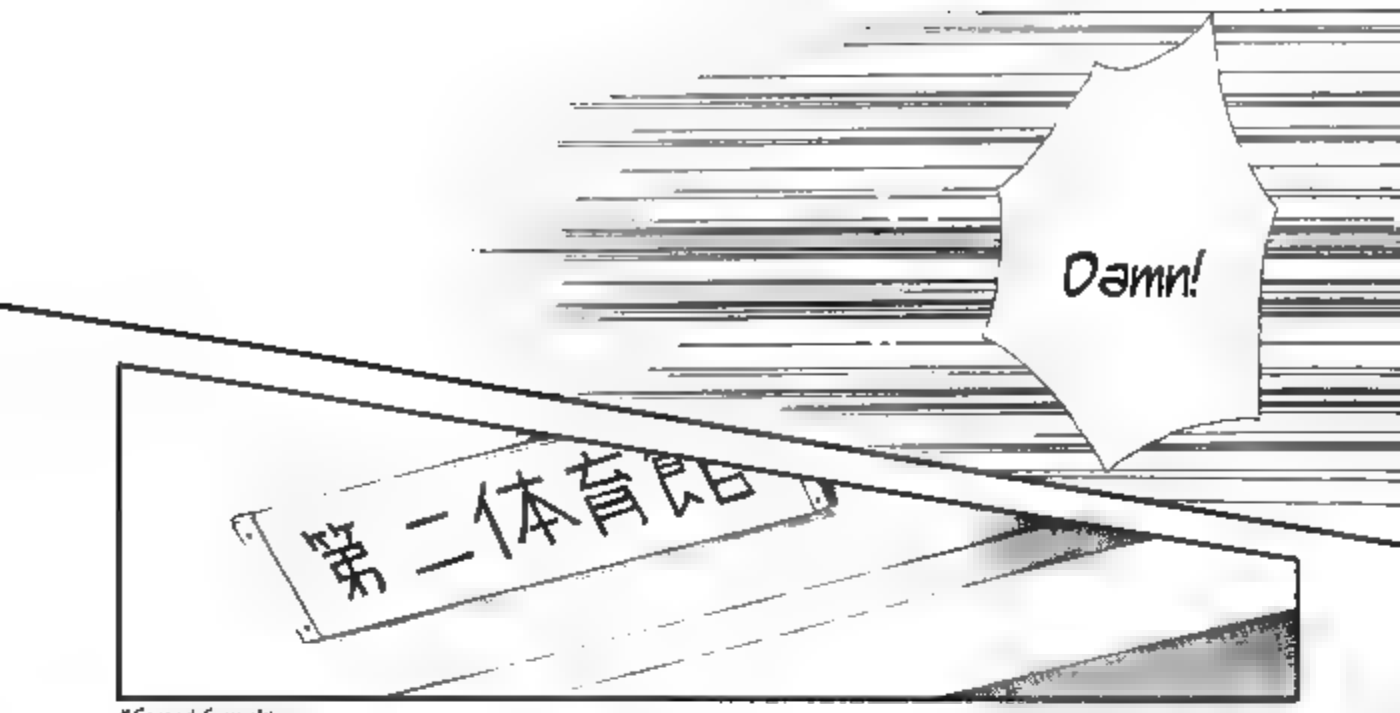
BAM
?
!
GRAB
thud
2
!?
WAH...

sfx: swish
UGH!
stumble
buckle
WHAT'S HAPPENING? SINCE JUST NOW

Haa
My body is not moving the way I want to!
Haa
Haa
Why!?
Haa
Haa
Of course!
Ah!

That's right.
SWING
STAB
my strength
my body

Even though I know the way to move.
I can't move.
DAMN..
The way my muscles are...
The way I used to use them.
The strength too...
It's all different from last time...



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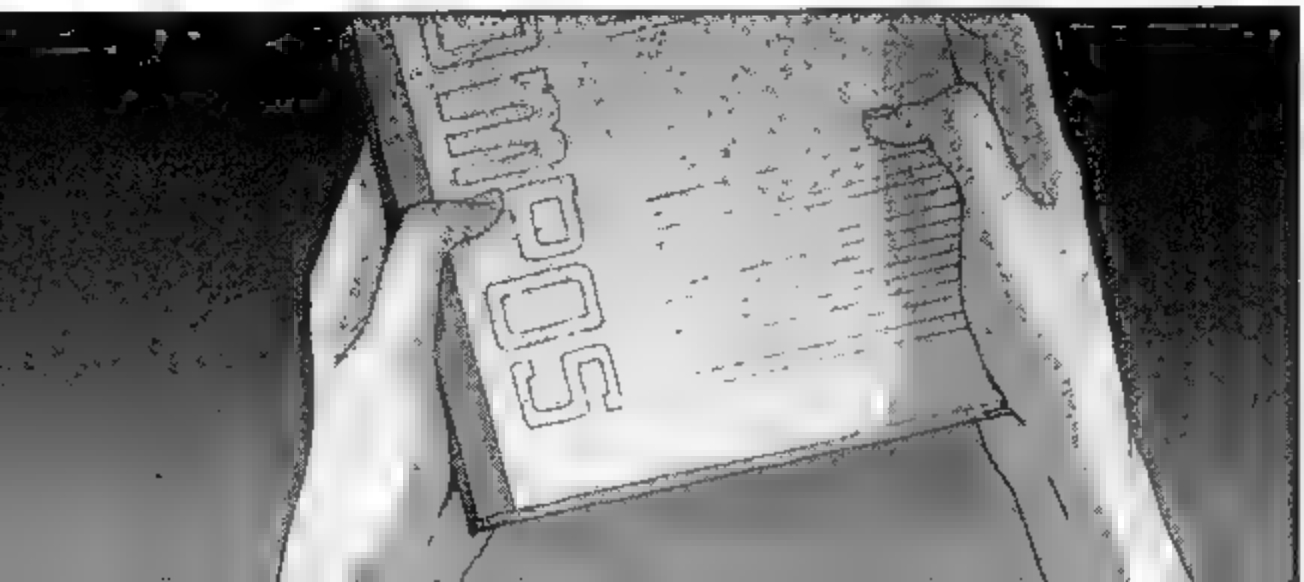


WHAT LANGUAGE?

MIDOU...

..HM?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LET'S GO BACK.
.....
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S HARUSUMI AND THE OTHERS?
HM? I DON'T KNOW.

SPIRITS WHO ARE THE MESSENGERS OF GOD.
CRAWLING OUT AND PAWING FROM THE DIRTY EARTH,
TO THIS LAND'S WEAK CHILDREN.
WITH YOUR COMPASSIONATE LOVE.
drip
.....

THAT'S BECAUSE THE PACT YOU MADE WITH THE SPIRITS WAS ENGRAVED INTO YOUR SOUL.
.....
I FEEL HOT.
WITH THIS I CAN PERFORM MAGIC?
That's right.

I WANT TO USE THE LIBRARY!
TEACHER!
Hehe.
SOMEHOW I FEEL SO EXCITED!
YES, IT IS.
A ROOM HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR PRACTICE, LET'S ADJOURN TO THERE.
IT WILL BE FUN TO SEE BOOKS DANCING IN THE AIR.
..YOU CAN'T

#03

I MISS THESE WORDS.
Ah, EXCUSE ME.
THE PRIEST
OVER THERE.
To empress Veronica's palace
.THAT'S RIGHT.
I REMEMBER CLEARLY NOW
RIGHT.
I WAS
SENT TO ZERESTRIA.

PRINCESS VERONICA,
IS ANY-THING THE MATTER?
I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING SOME MAGIC.
DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME?
YES, IT'S ALRIGHT
THANK YOU!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
JERALD FROLIO.
SFX: SHOCK
!?

RUMBLE
thud
IT HAPPENED THIS MORNING TOO.
JUST AN EARTHQUAKE
NO.
MAGIC!?
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle

HAS IT STOPPED?
.....
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle

WAS IT AN EARTH-QUAKE JUST NOW?
Yes.
I just called for an ambu-lance.
That was fast! ah? This girl is...
Kamioka from X class
AH,
HEY!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
TEACH-ER.
MINAMI!
HEY, HEY, ISN'T IT BLOOD?
LET ME SEE
DOES IT HURT?
TEACHER..

MINAMI
...
MINAMI
..
EH?
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF KAMIOKA.
Minami!
grab
IT
Pain
wha-
It hurts ...!
Hey don't move
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KAMIOKA!?

BE-
CAUSE
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT...?
I'M AL-
RIGHT..
THEN
IT'S FINE.
THANKS,
KAMIOKA.
The
Power
YEAH...

That time in Middle School.
One wrong step and someone could die.
thump
Don't be affected by it.
Don't get drawn into it. It's a bad habit, Haruzumi.
Takao please.
Be safe.

Come out and fight openly!
sfx: whoarh
REVEAL YOURSELF!
sfx: boom
NEW STRANDS OF HAIR WERE USED AS OFFERING.
THAT BLUE BALL OF LIGHT
WITH THE POWER TO HOLLOW OUT THE CONCRETE
THAT WAS USED ALL THIS TIME SINCE JUST NOW.
crack
crack
OR ARE YOU JUST A CIVILIAN SOLDIER WITH NO MAGICAL POWERS!?
THAT REMINDS ME.
CHOCK

HAA.
HAA.
HAA.
IT'S ALRIGHT
DON'T BE AFRAID...
I KNOW IF I USE NEW STRANDS OF HAIR,
I CAN USE MORE POWERFUL MAGIC.
"It's been decided that what kind of magic one would use, depended on his status."
Finally I managed to dry it off
toss
UM.
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE AIM OF HARUSUMI AND THE OTHERS.
SO IF I ANALYZE THE MAGIC WRITTEN HERE,

WAIT?
.....!
IT IS NOT EVEN AS POWERFUL AS A KNIGHT'S LEVEL
RATTLE
Queen Veronica's magic!?
That's right I was there when the contract ceremony was held
But this gap in level with other magic
Only the Pope high priest and small group of other priests knew about the magic of the Royalty
Don't tell me Harusumi is..
BASIC OF ALL BASIC
IT'S ALL THE FUNDAMENTALS.
IF EITHER THE OFFERING OR PART OF THE MAGIC CHANTS
ARE WRONGLY COMBINED.

flip
flip
THERE MUST BE OTHER INFOR-MATION SOME-WHERE ..
OTHER .
Queen Veronica...
Is there any evi-dence...?
BLOOD?
I KNOW ABOUT MAGIC USING CLOTH STAINED WITH ANCIENT BLOOD.
YES, YOU ARE RIGHT
BUT HEAR THAT IT'S RARE TO USE FRESH BLOOD
YES,
FRESH BLOOD.

MAGIC USING FRESH BLOOD HAS GREAT POWERS
THE ONLY CLASS OF PEOPLE WHO CAN USE IT ARE THE COMMANDERS OF THE KNIGHTS GROUP.
ACCORDING TO THE ANCIENT BOOKS, IT WAS MORE COMMON A FEW HUNDRED YEARS AGO,
BUT WAS RESTRICTED BY THE CHURCH LATER ON.
WHY?
HMPH. SUCH A REPULSIVE THING
.....
THE BLOOD-SHED DURING A BATTLE... CIVILIAN'S BODIES WERE SOLD SO TO SPEAK
THERE WERE HUGE REWARDS FOR THE EXCHANGE.
ALTHOUGH IT WENT AGAINST HUMANITY.
...SO IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE THE CASTOR'S OWN BLOOD FOR THE MAGIC TO WORK
UH,
YES.
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE OPPOSITE?
YES.

"MAGIC USING THE BLOOD OF ROYALTY."
FOR EXAMPLE,
"IT HAS TO BE THE BLOOD OF SOMEONE "
"MAGIC USING THE BLOOD OF ROYALTY."
RATHER THAN "THE PRINCESS DOESN'T KNOW IT",
IT WILL BECOME
"THAT KIND OF MAGIC DOESN'T EXIST"
Ha ha.
THE PRIN-CESS...
Right
That will be the case!
SEEMS VERY HAPPY ABOUT USING OF MAGIC.
NO, PRIN-CESS!
IF IT EXISTS,
THE GUARDS WOULD HAVE BURNED IT

I HAVE BEEN STAYING IN A MONASTERY IN RAKEDONIA UNTIL I WAS 14.
I WAS TAUGHT MANY THINGS IN THE MONASTERY AND THAT GOT MY INTEREST.
THAT'S MONSTON-SAMA! I HAVE MET HIM BEFORE
THOSE DISHEV-ELLED EYE-BROWS.
IT WAS IRRITATING, SO I SNEAKED IN ONE NIGHT WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING AND SHAVED IT ALL OFF
shock
WHAT!?
HE WAS VERY UPSET!
HE GOT VERY ANGRY AND IT WAS REALLY TER-RIFYING.

OF COURSE HAIRS ARE MOSTLY USED FOR MAGIC.
ALL OF THE PRIESTS WOULD GROW THEIR EYEBROWS OR BEARD.
IS THAT SO? I DID A BAD THING!
WHEN HE PLUCKED OUT HIS EYEBROWS, HE WOULD MAKE STUPID JOKES ABOUT IT.
it's good that he isn't bald! Geraid

Fresh blood
Commander of the knights
Great power
Sale of bodies
Bald? Priests would grow out their eyebrows and beard
Gerald Fro o.
MOSWICK ARMY WILL BE ATTACKING THIS CASTLE SOON.

chatter
chatter
CAN'T WE HELP ZERESTRIA?
WAIT!
UNLESS IT IS FOR SELF PROTECTION, ALL OTHER FORMS OF MAGIC FOR BATTLE ARE PROHIBITED.
THE CHURCH IS ON NEUTRAL GROUNDS.
!
Stop it, Gerald Frolio.
HOW CAN WE LEAVE THEM IN THE LURCH!?
QUEEN VERONICA'S CASTLE IS IN ZERESTRIA! WE SHOULD DRIVE AWAY THE INVADERS TOGETHER!

The church will remain silent!
THIS IS THE DECISION OF THE HIGH PRIEST.
THERE IS NO ROOM FOR DISCUSSION!

RUSTLE
And so...
So...
Veronica's castle was annihilated.

died there.
And I also

...AND ALSO, WHY DID MOSWICK, OUR ALLIANCE ATTACK US. .?
WHY DID I DIE?
... THAT TOWER OF LIGHT, WHAT WAS THAT?

knock

MORE ABOUT MAGIC.
I WANT TO KNOW
ACCOM-PANY ME GERALD.
fight until the end?
Did the princess
If the church helped Zerestria at that time...
Would it have changed things?
Such
little
magic.

HAA.
DAMN, STOP HIDING AND COME OUT!
WHAT.. SHOULD I DO?
What should I do?
HAA.
HAA.
HAA.
I DON'T HAVE ANCIENT HAIR, ANCIENT BLOOD
AND ANCIENT CLAWS TO CREATE A SMOKE-SCREEN
ALTHOUGH USUALLY, I WOULD HAVE THOSE
IF I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH, NOR WEAPONS, I CAN ONLY RELY ON MAGIC...
BUT IF IT HITS, THE OPPONENT WILL DIE
To kill!?

THAT'S
AH
AH
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
Shock
THERE WAS NO TIME FOR HESI-
TA-
TION...
TAKAO!

Mi-
Sfx: crash
GAH!
UGH!
Minami!?
clatter
Haa.
Haa.

SFX: BANG

SKATER

chatter
chatter
chatter

rumble

damn!
THAT HURTS!
MINAMI.
HAA ..
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HIM?
HAA .
HAA ..
There is no choice but to kill him.
MINAMI!
GET DOWN!
dash

GET BACK.
HEY!
YOU'RE TIRED AFTER USING USING SO MUCH MAGIC, RIGHT?
Haa.
Haa..
Haa.
tremble
YOU CAN STILL MOVE!?
BUT IT'S NO USE.
IT'S FUTILE.
JUST TOO BAD!
STEP

UNEXPECT-
EDLY, I HAVE
SOME BLOOD
ON HAND.
WHAT
...
YOU SHOULD
KNOW IF YOU
ARE ALSO A
KNIGHT.
THE POWER-
FUL MAGIC
FRESH BLOOD
BRINGS AS AN
OFFERING!
AH
"Magic using
fresh blood
has great
powers."
THAT'S...

"The only class of people who can use it are the commanders of the Knights Group".
IMPOSSIBLE...
DON'T TELL ME...
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
THE ONE WHO STARTED THE FIGHT IS AT FAULT.
UWAHHH
Become ash
together with the school!

Ah... It hurts!
pull
stretches
EH?
It hurts!
It hurts!
TAKAO, YOUR NECKTIE.
Ah...!
AH.
AH.
AH ...?
AREN'T YOU TRYING TO THREATEN US AGAIN?
No!
glint
ties
IT'S ALRIGHT FOR THE TIME BEING!
HE KNOWS BETTER ABOUT THE SITUATION HERE.

AND YOU ARE?
IT'S A LIE.
How could you!?
A KNIGHT IN TRAINING ..
FROM VERONICA'S CASTLE IN ZERESTRIA.

THEN.
THERE IS NO REASON FOR US TO FIGHT.
ARE YOU ALSO FROM ZERES-TRIA. ?
OW .

WAIT...
EH?
YOU SAID "THREAT-EN"..
IS THAT A LIE!?

THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN USE MAGIC WITH FRESH BLOOD IS THE KNIGHT'S COM-MANDER. .
YOU ARE NOT A HIGH RANKING KNIGHT!?

AHHH, TAKAO-
san
SORRY, I COULDN'T SEE WITH-OUT MY GLASSES.
BOTH OF YOU... YOUR MEMO-RIES...?
I AM TSU-ZUKI FROM THE SAME CLASS
Though I am usually quiet in class..
Ah.
Um?
.....?
AH? HEY.
MINAMI-
kun?
RIGHT
I READ
MINAMI'S NOTES.
Um.
THIS MORN-ING.
...SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS.

AFTER SCHOOL, THE CORRIDOR WAS DARK.
SCHOOL COMPOUND
Was all that Munami's fault?
IT BECAME CLEARER...
SLOWLY,
IT WAS STILL QUITE BLURRY IN THE MORNING, BUT
AS I WALKED IT BECAME MORE CONFUSING..
AH.
HERE IS VERONICA-SAMA'S CASTLE.
ISN'T THERE STILL A WAR GOING ON?
I HAVE TO FIGHT THE MOSWICK.

RELEASE
And you shouldn't walk around carrying that notebook!
That's right, you are at fault, Minami!
That's right.
stunned
IN THE FIRST PLACE, ARE YOU FIT TO BE PULLING ME BY MY SHIRT?
WHICH FAMILY ARE YOU [redacted]
HUH!?
GRAB
Just because of that you think you'll be forgiven?
WAH!
MI- BE-CAUSE MINAMI COULDN'T SHOW YOUR-SELF.
THERE IS NO CHOICE BUT TO PROVOKE YOU!
WHAT DID YOU SAY.. ?
I'm Veronica.

An.
I'm sorry for my rudeness... Please forgive me.
I WILL FORGIVE YOU WITH THE GLASSES..
But..
Why a male?

HEY! THIS IS BAD, THE WALL HAS TOTALLY COLLAPSED.
BE CAREFUL OF THE BROKEN GLASS WINDOWS.

HEY, WAS ANYONE HURT?
ARE YOU FIRST YEARS?
THE EARTHQUAKE EARLIER CAUSED A LANDSLIDE AT THE BACK HILL.
THE AREA HAS BEEN CORNERED OFF. YOU ALL BETTER LEAVE THE SCHOOL NOW.

Slump
Tsu-zuki!
HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YES...
HAA HAA
YOUR GLASSES ARE ALL RUINED DID YOU FALL?
Sh
YES.
HE PROBABLY GOT HIT ON THE HEAD. THERE ARE OTHER STUDENTS WHO ARE INJURED AS WELL AND THE AMBULANCE IS ON THE WAY
WE TEACHERS WILL TAKE OVER LATER, YOU GUYS BETTER RETURN HOME FIRST.

LEAVE THE SHATTERED GLASS PIECES AS IT IS!
AH, YES.
THAT'S NOT FOR CLEANING UP
chuckle
The teacher accepted it.
ALTHOUGH IT'S TRUE HE GOT HIT ON THE HEAD..
TSUZUKI IS JUST TIRED FROM USING TOO MUCH MAGIC.
WHAT ABOUT TAKAO? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
AH!
?

Takao, your knee!
HM?
AH.
It looks serious!
YIKES!
THAT'S CAUSE I FELL QUITE A BIT
EH!? BRUISES TOO.
IT LOOKS PAINFUL...
BUT IT'S NOT.
REALLY?
ST-
push
STOP...!
AH.
RAISE YOUR HEAD UP.
.....?

BeND
blush
!
Ah, sorry.
A boy shouldn't stare like that, sorry.
I'M RITA FROM THE RAZARASARE FAMILY
THIS TIME.
I WILL PROTECT YOU WITH MY SECOND LIFE!
I don't understand her norm.
I CAN SEE EVERY-THING
Both the top and bottom.
TAKAO?
Veronica-sama.
I'M SORRY WITH THE LATE INTRO-DUCTION.

Ri...
ta?
.....
LONG TIME NO SEE...
YES!
...LEAVING THAT ASIDE, GET UP GET UP, I CAN SEE YOUR UNDER-WEAR.
Ah That's why just now.
I CANNOT RAISE MY HEAD HIGHER THAN MY LORD.
Wait..

Takao.
I CAN'T DO THAT
I only see Takao.
The girl who I like.
I ALSO LIKE YOU.
Takao too.
The voice,
face,
appear-ance, and the move-ments.
WALK BESIDE ME.

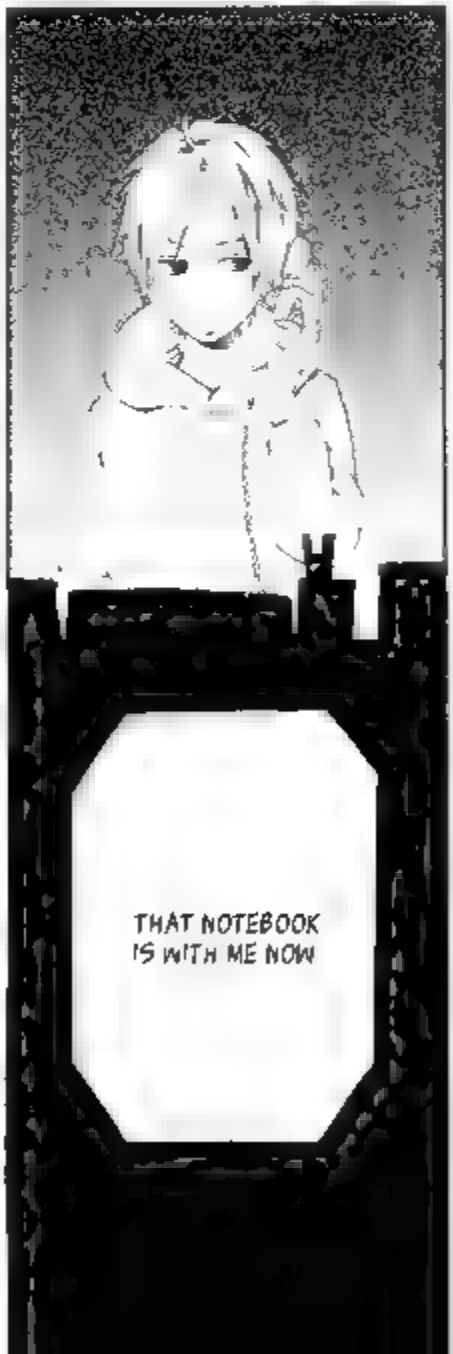
Ah
DOZED OFF ASLEEP
The notebook was
missing from my bag
EH!?
VE MI-
PLEASE, LET ME GIVE YOU A LIFT!
THAT'S ALRIGHT IT'S OKAY!
MY FATHER IS DRIVING OVER TO FETCH ME
PLEASE JOIN ME
MINAMI

PLEASE JUST TALK NORMALLY WITH ME*.
*Takao has been using formal japanese when speaking to Munami after she remembered.
I KNOW SO I WILL TAKE THE RIDE, TAKAO. SO...
I KNOW.
I WANT TO BE BESIDE YOU ALL THE TIME REALLY BUT...
AND WE WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT THEIR AIM IS BY STEALING THE NOTEBOOK.
THERE MIGHT BE MORE OF THOSE PEOPLE LIKE TSUZUKI.
AH. THAT'S RYUJI?
MIDOU?
UM. YES.
YE-
YEAH.
YE-
YOU HAVE A CALL FROM MIDOU-KUN...
HARU...
ANYWAY, WHY CALL MY HOUSE?

HEY RYUJI. WHAT'S THE MATTER?
HARUSUMI? CONNECTION NETWORK
AHAH!
THERE'S A LANDSLIDE AT THE HILL BEHIND THE SCHOOL, SO TOMORROW'S A HOL DAY
PLEASE HELP TO CONVEY THE MES- SAGE TO THE NEXT GUY-
Next S- Meku ro?
STAY CALM AND LISTEN, OKAY...?
AND NEXT
YEAH?

AHAH WHAT'S WITH THE TONE OF A K DNAPPER ?
WHAT'S YOUR MOTIVE?

TOMOR- ROW.
I'LL TALK TO YOU D.RECTLY HARUSUMI


THAT NOTEBOOK IS WITH ME NOW

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Short story
DID YOU HEAR? MINAMI HARUSUMI FROM OUR CLASS...
BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF A THIRD YEAR WITH A PIPE.
THAT'S SCARY...!
HE'S ALWAYS ALONE SEEMS LIKE THE ILL-BRED KIND.
AH!
YOU GUYS
GLARE
Wait, Kamioka-chan!
U WAH!!

Are you really going out with Minami?
NO, NO, NO, NO, OF COURSE NOT!
BUT MINAMI WAS SEEN TALKING TO YOU?
right?
WE ARE JUST FRIENDS! FRIENDS!
Anyway. so what?
YES, THAT'S IT!
MINAMI DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ANY MALE FRIENDS, LET ALONE FEMALE FRIENDS.
right?
IF WE SAY THAT "MINAMI IS COOL", EVEN THE GIRLS FROM HIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WOULD SAY "THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE".
MINAMI IS COOL?
That's absurd
NO, NO, THAT'S NOT THE POINT
chatter
Minami.
chatter

Don't go around making friends.
WHAT WAS THAT, OUT OF THE BLUE...?
BECAUSE!

Eh?
AREN'T WE FRIENDS?
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE THEM.
EVEN THOUGH I WOULD WANT TO HAVE FRIENDS,
BUT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SPOKE TO ME FIRST.
Ah.
In case of Veronica.
That's right.
Really?
THERE WERE RUMOURS THAT WE'RE GOING OUT!
YES, ISN'T IT A WASTE?
THERE ARE REALLY GIRLS WHO THINK THAT YOU ARE COOL!
Though it is a secret...

AND! ALTHOUGH IT'S THE SAME WITH ME, BUT MINAMI IS ALSO SHORT TEMPERED!
May-be
ONCE YOU ARE BEING PROVOKED OR SHOWN ENMITY, YOU START TO GET IRRITATED AND REBUKE IT BACK IT'S ALL EASILY SHOWN ON YOUR FACE.
YOU SHOULD FIRMLY JUST ENDURE IT..
Hey!
clatter

I'm the queen of a country, the ruler of the castle.
Everyone lived there because of me.

There wasn't any case of "getting to know anyone" since it is obvious everyone knows about Veronica.

There wasn't any issue with not getting along with anyone, or being ignored, or being exposed to cruelty.

CHATTER
What?
Eh.. Third years ?
Which one of you is Minami?
Whisper
Whisper
Are they here for revenge?
Are they friends?
Minami, the one who fought with the third years?
Eh?
HMPH.
COME AND GET ME IF YOU CAN.
Hey! You're doing it
OH!
BE GENTLE.

I'm Minami Haru-sumi!
Smile!
THE GROUP OF BOYS YOU DEALT WITH WERE GETTING OUT OF HAND AND WE ARE RATHER PISSED OFF BY THEM.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BUT SINCE YOU KNOCKED SOME SENSE INTO THEM, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU.
BUT ANY-WAY
irritated
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO BY SEEING THEM OFF, KAMIOKA-CHAN!?
EH?
ah.
COME OUTSIDE, WE HAVE SOME WORDS TO SAY.
IS... IS THAT RIGHT
YES!
DO YOUR BEST, MINAMI!

Why are you laughing like an idiot? You-
NO..
COULD...
Could you...
be my friends?

WHAT... WHAT WAS THAT? HOW EMBARRASSING.
IT'S FINE.
Being friends..
It's fine?

THAT'S WRONG!
Came up to see since she got worried

I made friends.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU.
I DIDN'T DO MUCH....

The End

あとがき

誕生

主人公の名前

この
「ボクラノキセキ」
というタイトルは
担当の礼山さんに
つけて頂きました。

いつもお世話に
なりっぱなしですホント
すみません…

関わって下さった皆様
何より読者の皆様
ありがとうございました。

ご縁があったら
2巻でまた
お会いしましょう。

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